

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 27. (cancelled).

28. (previously presented) An antibody that specifically binds to a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 60% identical to SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the polypeptide induces differentiation of an osteocyte.

29. (currently amended) An antibody that specifically binds to a polypeptide consisting of ~~SEQ ID NO: 1~~ SEQ ID NO: 2.

30. (previously presented) An antibody that specifically binds to a polypeptide encoded by a first nucleic acid that hybridizes under stringent conditions to a second nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein the polypeptide induces differentiation of an osteocyte.

31. – 40. (cancelled).